


 National Transportation Safety Board <b>FACTUAL REPORT</b> AVIATION		NTSB ID: DCA05RA093		Aircraft Registration Number: HK-4374X	
		Occurrence Date: 08/16/2005		Most Critical Injury: Fatal	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By:	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Machiques		State	Zip Code	Local Time 0305	Time Zone ADT
Airport Proximity:		Distance From Landing Facility:		Direction From Airport:	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Boeing		Model/Series MD-82		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On August 16, 2005, at about 03:35 ADT, a West Caribbean Airways MD-82 crashed near Machiques, Venezuela after the pilot reported engine problems. The 8 crewmembers and 152 passengers onboard were fatally injured and the airplane was destroyed. The airplane was being operated as a charter flight from Panama City, Panama, to Fort de France, Martinique. The investigation is being conducted by the Venezuela Comité de Investigación de Accidentes Aéreos.</p>					
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<b>Landing Facility/Approach Information</b>					
Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:					
Runway Surface Condition:					
Type Instrument Approach:					
VFR Approach/Landing:					
<b>Aircraft Information</b>					
Aircraft Manufacturer Boeing		Model/Series MD-82		Serial Number	
Airworthiness Certificate(s):					
Landing Gear Type:					
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats:	Certified Max Gross Wt.	LBS	Number of Engines:	
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:		
<b>- Aircraft Inspection Information</b>					
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours	Airframe Total Time Hours		
<b>- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information</b>					
ELT Installed?	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?			
<b>Owner/Operator Information</b>					
Registered Aircraft Owner		Street Address			
		City	State	Zip Code	
Operator of Aircraft West Caribbean Airways		Street Address			
		City	State	Zip Code	
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:		
<b>- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None</b>					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Commercial					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Non-scheduled; International; Passenger Only					
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<b>First Pilot Information</b>										
Name			City		State					
Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Principal Profession:		Certificate Number:						
Certificate(s):										
Airplane Rating(s):										
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:										
Instrument Rating(s):										
Instructor Rating(s):										
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?										
Current Biennial Flight Review?										
Medical Cert.:		Medical Cert. Status:		Date of Last Medical Exam:						
<b>- Flight Time Matrix</b>	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument Actual	Instrument Simulated	Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										
Seatbelt Used?		Shoulder Harness Used?			Toxicology Performed?		Second Pilot?			
<b>Flight Plan/Itinerary</b>										
Type of Flight Plan Filed:										
Departure Point		State			Airport Identifier		Departure Time		Time Zone	
PANAMA CITY					TUM					
Destination		State			Airport Identifier					
FORT DE FRANCE					TFFF					
Type of Clearance:										
Type of Airspace:										
<b>Weather Information</b>										
Source of Briefing:										
Method of Briefing:										

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<b>Weather Information</b>					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation <div style="text-align: center;">Ft. MSL</div>	WOF Distance From Accident Site <div style="text-align: center;">NM</div>	Direction From Accident Site <div style="text-align: center;">Deg. Mag.</div>
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:			Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:	
Lowest Ceiling:			Ft. AGL	Visibility:	SM
Temperature: °C		Dew Point: °C	Wind Direction:		Altimeter: "Hg
Wind Speed:		Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site:		
Visibility (RVR): Ft.		Visibility (RVV) SM	Intensity of Precipitation:		
Restrictions to Visibility:					
Type of Precipitation:					

<b>Accident Information</b>					
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed		Aircraft Fire:		Aircraft Explosion	
Classification:					


- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot	1				1
Second Pilot	1				1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants	6				6
Other Crew					
Passengers	152				152
- TOTAL ABOARD -	160				160
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -	160				160

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Administrative Information		
Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Joseph Sedor		
Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:		
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